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In re CPA application of)

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REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

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Sir:

The present application is a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA). This paper has been made after carefully reviewing the Final Office Action, mailed November 6, 2001, on the parent of the present application. In that Final Office Action, all pending claims were rejected. Applicant's attorney believes that at least some of the rejections in the Final Office Action relate to the Applicant assuming different claim constructions than the Examiner.

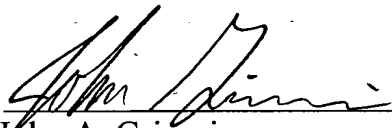
In a telephone call on February 21, 2002, Examiner Figueroa and Applicant's attorney agreed that Applicant could request a telephonic interview prior to a first Amendment to the enclosed CPA. Because Applicant would like to resolve all issues of patentability in a time and cost efficient manner, Applicant respectfully requests a telephonic interview to discuss the specific basis of the

rejection of the independent claims as recited in the Final Office Action.

Additionally, Applicant would like to discuss the rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicant respectfully requests that the interview take place prior to any substantive action on the merits, allowing time for applicant to a written response or amendment after the telephonic interview.

Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the number shown below to arrange a convenient time to conduct the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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